Housing in priority sector

@2800-A. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to put housing in priority sector; and

(b) what is the current year and next plan outlay for housing for the entire country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Seventh Five Year Plan, which will, *inter-alia*,determine priority for the Housing Sector vis-a-vis other sectors is under finalization.

(b) The current year's Plan outlay in the public sector for housing for the entire country is Rs. 425.84 crores. The outlay for Housing for the Seventh Plan is yet to be finalized.

Housing during Seventh Five Year Plan

@@2809-B. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the working group on housing for the Seventh Plan; and

(b) whether norms for constructing houses by housing boards and other Government agencies regarding financial outlays for low income group housing, middle group housing and high income group housing are being revised; if so, what are the details thereof indicating current norms and varying rates of interest and repayment periods and proposed norms regarding this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Working Group Report on Housing for the Seventh Plan is in the nature of background material/working paper for the internal use of the Planning Commission to enable them to formulate the approach and strategy for the housing sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The Seventh Five Year Plan including the plan for the housing sector is yet to be finalized.

Indo-Afghan trade talks

$2809-C. HRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a working group of officials of India and Afghanistan discussed on the 6th August, 1985 the details of areas for co-operation in trade and other fields to find out a satisfactory solution; and

(b) if so, the outcome of these talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

A Protocol was signed between India and Afghanistan after the 7th Meeting of Indo-Afghan Joint Commission. Among the important provisions of the Protocol are:—

(a) Both sides, continuing discussions on matters pertaining to bilateral trade, expressed desire to take expeditious follow up action on the proposals to increase trade in a more balanced manner.

(b) Indian assistance for the expansion of the Institute of Child Health, Kabul.

(c) Indian assistance for setting up a 300 bed Obstetries and Gyneacological hospital in Kabul.

(d) Supply of equipments to Industrial Estate, Kabul.

(e) Supply of musical instruments to Indian Classical Music Centre, Kabul.

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